



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 29, 2015
Schedule 9

PLEASE NOTE: February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 2015

HB 166 Delegate Gutierrez, et al

EDUCATION – MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY ACT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that participation in the Program by a local school system is voluntary; providing that, beginning with the graduating class of 2016, specified eligible students shall receive the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy affixed to a diploma or transcript under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish specified criteria and requirements on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 167 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – RECIPIENT BENEFITS**

Altering the age from 55 to 50 years old at which specified individuals may begin to receive benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for Calvert County; altering from \$4 to \$10 per month an additional amount that is payable under the Program for specified volunteer service; repealing a limit on a maximum benefit payable under the Program; authorizing a specified death benefit to be paid to an alternate beneficiary if a volunteer dies and is unmarried at the time of death; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 14-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 168 Delegate B. Wilson, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND-DEGREE MURDER – PENALTY**

Increasing, from 30 years to 40 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense of second-degree murder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 2-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 169 Delegate Afzali**STATE PLUMBING CODE – ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL STANDARDS**

Authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to adopt standards of the International Code Council as part of the State Plumbing Code; requiring the Board to periodically review specified standards of the International Code Council; requiring the Board to amend the State Plumbing Code to incorporate specified standards for a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 170 Delegate Beitzel, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – GAME BIRDS – BAITING**

Altering the prohibition against a person hunting specified game birds by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area to require that the person know or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area before a violation occurs.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 10-412 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 171 Delegates Afzali and Valentino–Smith**COURTS – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION EFFORTS**

Altering the circumstances under which a local department of social services may ask the court in a child in need of assistance proceeding to find that reasonable reunification efforts are not required.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-812 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 172 Delegate Beidle, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make specified determinations, review specified information, consider specified issues, and make specified recommendations related to the use of self-driving vehicles; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 2-404 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 173 Delegate Beidle

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND
HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, Anne Arundel County correctional officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring Anne Arundel County correctional officers to submit specified medical disclosures to the Anne Arundel County Sheriff; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 9-503(b) and (e) and 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 174 Delegate O'Donnell, et al

MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ADJUSTMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 175 Anne Arundel County Delegation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – POLICE OFFICERS – SECONDARY
EMPLOYMENT

Authorizing Anne Arundel County to enact a local law that authorizes secondary employment of county police officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 5-811.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 176 **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY MC 22–15**

Providing for the conduct of a special election to fill a vacancy for an elected member on the Montgomery County Board of Education; repealing the authority of the members of the county board to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy for an elected member on the county board; providing that, as specified, the special election be held along with a regularly scheduled general election; requiring the County Executive for Montgomery County to establish by proclamation the date for the special election; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 3-901(f)(5) and EL, § 9-501 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 177 **Delegate Holmes, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD**

Increasing the subtraction modification under the State income tax from \$5,000 to \$10,000 of military retirement income received for retirees at least 65 years old on the last day of the taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 178 **Allegany County Delegation****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – FROSTBURG MUSEUM RELOCATION PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Frostburg Museum Association for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the former St. Michael's School to assist in the relocation of the Frostburg Museum, located in Allegany County; and providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 179 Delegate Barron**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – FAILURE TO PASS LICENSURE EXAMINATION – PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF LICENSE**

Prohibiting an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant who fails the examination for licensure six times from retaking the examination and being licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 13-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 180 Delegate Turner, et al**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL REVENUES – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – STANDARD BRED RACETRACK OPERATING ASSISTANCE**

Extending through calendar year 2019 the authorization to use specified Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery proceeds for operating assistance by the Ocean Downs Race Course and Rosecroft Raceway to support a minimum of 40 live racing days at each race course.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 9-1A-28(g)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 181 Delegate Hill, et al**STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – STERILE COMPOUNDING – COMPLIANCE BY NONRESIDENT PHARMACIES AND REPEAL OF PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that specified entities hold a sterile compounding permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before engaging in activities relating to sterile compounding; repealing the requirement that a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State hold a specified permit; repealing the qualifications, fees, and other requirements for applying for a sterile compounding permit; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 12-101 (d) and (z) - added, §§ 12-4A-01 through 12-4A-12 - repealed, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 182 Delegates Lafferty and Rosenberg**HOUSING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS**

Authorizing the Community Development Administration to make a residential mortgage loan for the purchase or rehabilitation of a homeowner's primary residence or the refinancing of a residential mortgage loan under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications for specified financial assistance to a homeowner under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HS, § 4-201(u) - added and §§ 4-235(b), 4-237(a), 4-238(a), and 4-240 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 183 Baltimore County Delegation (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2015 EDITION – LEGALIZATION**

Legalizing the 2015 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 184 Delegate Morgan, et al**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the St. Mary's County property tax specified personal property purchased by businesses during the period from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017; exempting specified personal property from the St. Mary's County property tax beginning on July 1, 2017; providing that specified personal property remains subject to the St. Mary's County property tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 185 Delegate Carr, et al**REAL-TIME TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2015**

Requiring a political committee to file a contribution report within 48 hours after receiving a single contribution, transfer, or loan of \$1,000 or more during the year of an election in which the political committee is participating; requiring contribution reports to include specified information; providing that contribution reports filed by a political committee are in addition to specified other reports filed by a political committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EL, § 13-309.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 186 Delegate Carr, et al**MARYLAND UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER-ON-DEATH (TOD) ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Uniform Real Property Transfer-on-Death (TOD) Act; authorizing an individual to transfer specified property to one or more beneficiaries effective at the transferor's death by a transfer-on-death deed; establishing that a transfer-on-death deed is revocable and nontestamentary; providing that the capacity required to make or revoke a transfer-on-death deed is the same as that required to make a will; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, §§ 18-101 through 18-202 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 187 Delegate Arentz, et al**CECIL COUNTY AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS**

Applying to Cecil County and Queen Anne's County specified provisions authorizing the governing body of a county to contract with another governmental entity for the joint or cooperative performance of any governmental function; and authorizing the governing body of a county to accept specified gifts or grants from the federal or State government and to use the gifts and grants for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, § 1-902 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation